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In re U.S. Patent Application of

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| Independent Claims | 1 | 1 | -XX (Over 3) | x \$84 | 0 |
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated April 14, 2003, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on July 14, 2003. Please amend the above identified application with the replacement paragraphs/sections/claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute claim 1 with the following amended claim:

1. A liquid crystal display device comprising a liquid crystal display element having a pair of substrates and liquid crystal sandwiched between a pair of substrates and a backlight unit which is arranged at a side opposite to a display surface of the liquid crystal display element
- the backlight unit comprising
- a light guide body;
- a plurality of light sources, which are arranged at least along one side surface of the light guide body at a plurality of positions, whose distances from a display surface of the liquid crystal display element are different, each of the plurality of light sources being separated from each other and irradiating light to the liquid crystal display element;
- a reflection member which, in conjunction with the light guide body, covers the plurality of light sources therein along said side surface of the light guide body, said

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